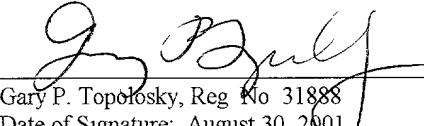


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Examiner Stevan A. Resan
Vivek M. Sample et al.) Group Art Unit 1773
Serial No. (not received yet)) Atty. Docket No. 99-0067
Confirmation No. (not received yet))
Filed Herewith)
For Modulus Stiffening of Hard Discs)

Preliminary Amendment

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

Delete the title and substitute: "Method of Manufacturing a Modulus Stiffened Hard Disc".

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121:

- (a) a marked form version of the amended paragraphs of the specification is presented in the "Marked Specification Paragraphs" attached to this Amendment; and
- (b) a clean form version of the amended paragraphs is presented below.

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

The present application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/481,432, filed January 12, 2000 and entitled "Modulus Stiffening of Hard Discs, which application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/115,679, entitled "Modulus Stiffening of Compact Discs", filed January 13, 1999.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11.

Remarks

Claims 12-15 remain in the application for subsequent examination and eventual allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marked Specification Paragraphs

Method of Manufacturing a Modulus Stiffened Hard Disc
[Modulus Stiffening of Hard Discs]

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claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/115,679,
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